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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HAMDI '

1. AID DIRECTOR RUIZ, CURRENTLY IN DEPARTMENT ON CONSULTATION, CALLED NOV. 13 ON DEPT. ASST. SECRETARY SOBER TO CONVEY PERSONAL GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI AS REQUESTED BY LATTER. HAMDI'S MESSAGE POINTED OUT THAT YAR HAS ALREADY RETURNED TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE, RECONVENED THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND PLANS NATIONAL ELECTIONS WITHIN SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS. HAMDI ALSO STRESSED MUTUAL US-YAR COOPERATION AND REMINDED US OF CONTINUING YAR NEED FOR ASSISTANCE.

2. SOBER ASKED RUIZ TO INFORM HAMDI AT NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION THAT HE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF HAMDI'S THOUGHTFUL GESTURE IN RECALLING THEIR MEETING IN SANAA IN SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE NOTED SKILLFUL MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS QUICKLY RETURNED YAR TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE WHILE AT THE
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MENT, AND WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS ENDEAVOURS. WE REMAIN FULLY COGNIZANT OF YEMEN'S NEEDS IN BOTH THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS AND CONTINUE TO WORK TO MAXIMIZE US COOPERATION WITH YAR IN BOTH AREAS. RUIZ MAY NOTE THAT AID IS PRESENTLY EVALUATING SEVERAL NEW PROJECT- FOR US ASSISTANCE TO YAR.

3. CHARGE' MAY, AT HIS DISCRETION, ALSO AFFIRM OUR APPRE- CIATION OF HAMDI'S MESSAGE. YOU MAY NOTE OUR HOPE FOR EARLY TANGIBLE PROGRESS, SUBJECT TO FURTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAG AND YARG, FOLLOWING ON RECENT SURVEY BY US MILITARY SECURITY TEAM WHICH WAS FIRST DISCUSSED WITH HAMDI DURING SOBER'S VISIT. YOU MAY ALSO WISH INFORM HAMDI THAT TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS ON CASES UAA AND UAB NOW APPEAR TO BE SOLVED, AND THAT EQUIPMENT COVERED BY THESE CASES SHOULD BE LOADING IN U.S. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND SHOULD ARRIVE HODEIDA IN EARLY JANUARY. FYI YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A SEPARATE MESSAGE WITH DETAILS ON THIS SHIPMENT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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